5. Kapurthala	48,120	Bags
6. Ludhiana	62,337	Bags
7. Ferozepur	28,000	Bags
8. Faridkot	15,749	Bags
9. Ropar	2,709	Bags
TOTAL:	19,31,788	Bags

Problems of peasants and agricultural workers

2090. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the All-India Kisan Sabha and the All-India Agricultural Workers Union had launched a country-wide Satyagraha from September 7 to 13, 1987 on some of the burning problems of the peasants and agricultural workers; and

(b) what are the details of the problems and the steps taken by Government to solve those problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands include (i) implementation of land reforms; and (ii) remunerative prices for agricultural produce. Government have taken several steps to implement land reforms in the States and provide remunerative prices for agricultural produce to the farmers through Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices.

2091. [*Transferred to the 1st December, 1987*].

2092. [*Transferred to the 8th December, 1987*].

Deaths of Workers during digging of wells in Punjab

2093. SHRI SAMAR MUHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers killed during the process of digging wells in drought affected areas in Punjab, during the last two years, district-wise;

(b) the number of workers killed under similar circumstances in other States during the same period;

(c) whether Government have arranged for payment of adequate compensation to the dependents of those killed during the digging of wells in Punjab;

(d) whether Government have formulated any policy for grant of compensation in such cases in view of severe drought in several parts of the country which forces the people to dig wells; and

(e) whether Government have taken or propose to take measures to prevent incidents of such deaths in drought-affected areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Government of Punjab has reported that no information of such deaths have been received.

(b) Central Government does not compile such information.

(c) and (d) Payment of compensation to the worker or his dependent, as the case may be, engaged in digging wells and similar employments is governed by the provision of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.

(e) Requirements of safety of workers are looked into while administering execution of works.